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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of January 12, 2010 through January 17, 2010.

TUESDAY

01/12/2010

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

James Dreyer will be responsible for morning chores and record the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time resulted in two equipment changes and no scratches on Thursday's program.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The third race in the book for Friday, maiden fillies Cal-Bred, was called off having failed to attract an entry.

(4) **THE DRAW**

Nine races will be carded Friday consisting of two Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races.

WEDNESDAY

01/13/2010

(1) **SCRATCHES**

One equipment change completed Friday's program adjustments.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Two Cal-Bred races were offered Saturday evening, both failing to fill. The first was the fourth race in the book for three year olds for a claiming price of \$8,000. The latter was Sub I for maiden fillies three years old for \$6,250.

(3) **THE DRAW**

Friday evening's program will consist of two Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races.

THURSDAY

01/14/2010 (1) SCRATCHES

Saturday's scratches mirrored Friday's resulting in one equipment change.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fourth race in the book for Sunday, Cal-Bred three year olds for \$6,250, failed to fill with two entries.

(3) THE DRAW

A late draw resulted in five Thoroughbred and four Quarter Horse races.

(4) FILMS

At the request of the Stewards, four riders were in to review a variety of races on Sunday evening. All of the infractions were minor in nature and required no action on our part.

(5) SECOND RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Inquiry was posted following the second race to look into an incident shortly after the break. "Imazoomertoo" (3rd – R. Aceves) in post #4 was lugging in causing #3 "Nothin But A Breeze" (5th – G. Suarez) to steady about fifty yards from the gate. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing the replay the Stewards felt the finish of the race was not compromised and voted unanimously to make no change. Jockey Aceves appeared to make a commendable effort and was held blameless.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

5th Race - # 4 Halfway There (Tr. R. Free) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$276.00.

7th Race - # 4 Caritas (Tr. M. Loza) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$308.00.

7 Checker (Tr. L. Melton) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$992.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	617	On Track Handle:	\$85,936
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,196</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$241,746
Total:	2,813	Out of State:	<u>\$481,777</u>
		Total:	\$809,459

FRIDAY

01/15/2010 (1) SCRATCHES

Scratches for Sunday resulted in one ownership change and one equipment change.

(2) FILMS

Ramon Sanchez and Juan Andrade were in to review races from Sunday evening. Both incidents were minor but the Stewards felt the riders should have been more cognizant of what their mounts were doing.

(3) NO PROBLEMS

Nothing of reportable significance occurred during Friday evening's nine race program.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 4 First Classy Rhythm (Tr. R. Gonzalez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$919.00.

3rd Race - # 4 Dozen Too (Tr. L. Ruiz) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$1,146.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	918	On Track Handle:	\$132,357
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,703</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$249,447
Total:	3,621	Out of State:	<u>\$643,707</u>
		Total:	\$1,025,511

SATURDAY

01/16/2010 (1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book for Thursday, maiden three year olds for a claiming price of \$2,500, was used open after failing to fill Cal-Bred.

(2) THE DRAW

Three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races will make up Thursday's eight race program.

(3) VASQUEZ RULING

RULING #5

GROOM JOSE R. VASQUEZ, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 14, 2010, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 09LA0286, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (H) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE - METHAMPHETAMINE) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PENDING APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF THE SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF JOSE R. VASQUEZ ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jose R. Vasquez, case #09LA0286, failed to appear for his 4:30 p.m. hearing on Friday to answer allegations of methamphetamine.

(4) MONTES RULING

RULING #6

TRAINER DANNY MONTES WHO STARTED THE HORSE "ILLEGAL VELOCITY" IN THE SIXTH RACE ON DECEMBER 11, 2009, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1887(A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND # 1844 (c-1) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION - FLUNIXIN IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL - 89 NG/ML - CLASS IV - SECOND OFFENSE).

The above ruling was issued after meeting with trainer Danny Montes. Montes agreed to sign a Waiver of a Recorded Hearing and the hearing proceeded informally. Present were Danny Montes, Senior Investigator Tom Blake and this Board of Stewards. He testified that the Flunixin had been administered at his ranch approximately 27 hours prior to the horse's race so he could not understand the high count. He assured us he will be more diligent in the future.

(5) QUINTERO RULING

RULING #7

TRAINER FELIPE QUINTERO WHO STARTED THE HORSE "RHYTHM N DASH" IN THE FIRST RACE ON DECEMBER 13, 2009, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1887(A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND # 1844 (c-1) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION - PHENYLBUTAZONE IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL (5.87 UG/ML) AND FLUNIXIN (28 NG/ML) - CLASS IV - FIRST OFFENSE).

After signing a Waiver of a Recorded Hearing, an informal hearing was held with trainer Quintero. Also present were Senior Investigator Tom Blake and this Board of Stewards. Felipe accepted full responsibility explaining that the horse was treated at the owner's ranch and was probably the mistake of the groom. He was warned about the pitfalls of ship-ins and to be a bit more cautious in the future. The bute was his first in over three years and was below 7.5 mcg/mL. The foregoing ruling reflects a penalty for a double NSAID violation so the Stewards opted to issue a warning in lieu of a fine.

(6) THIRD RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry was posted following the third race to review the first 100 yards of the race. "Mister D" (2nd – J. Andrade) breaking from post #7 was lugging in so badly that every horse from #6 through #2 was interfered with. The winner of the race, #1 "Streakin La Tori," was the only horse whose path was not compromised. After further examination of the film, the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify "Mister D" from second and place him last.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd Race - # 4 How Regal (Tr. J. Glenn, Jr.) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$654.00.

6th Race - # 1 Gotta Be A Sign (Tr. A. Farias) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$846.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,136	On Track Handle:	\$137,961.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,697</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$323,997.50
Total:	3,833	Out of State:	<u>\$645,966.27</u>
		Total:	\$1,107,925.27

SUNDAY

01/17/2010

(1) JAMES RULING

RULING #8

APPRENTICE JOCKEY MICHEAL JOHN JAMES WHO RODE "WHYA DA WHYIA" IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2010, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 24TH, 28TH, 29TH AND 30TH 2010) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE DOWN THE BACKSIDE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

The foregoing ruling was issued after apprentice Michael James reviewed the films with the Stewards. The errors caused by inexperience were very apparent in his erratic performance during the run down the backstretch. Hopefully this will be a learning experience and the future will be brighter for him.

(2) SANCHEZ PHONES

Ramon Sanchez called in to address a complaint by temporary Clerk of Scales Louie Cacioppo for being late to the Jockey's Room. He was very apologetic and assured us it would not happen again.

(3) FILMS

Jockey Andrade was in to review the third race last evening in which his mount finished second but was disqualified and placed last. After going over the film with him we felt that although he reacted a bit slowly, overall he made a satisfactory effort and that a warning would suffice.

(4) PROBLEM FREE

A light rain was the only negative aspect that hampered an otherwise trouble-free evening.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race - # 7 Warren's Cowgirl (Tr. J. Alcala) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$1,012.00.

3rd Race - # 5 Currency Trader (Tr. M. Hill) rider took off, no satisfactory replacement,
Refund: \$673.00 Stewards.

7th Race - # 2 Rarely Dasher (Tr. M. Loza) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$566.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	593	On Track Handle:	\$103,510
Off Track Attendance:	1,764	Off Track Handle:	\$252,295
Total:	2,357	Out of State:	\$802,326
		Total:	\$1,158,131

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
1/14/2010	5	4	Halfway There	R. Free	Sick	Beck	\$276
	7	4	Caritas	M. Loza	Injured	Hackathorn	\$308
	7	7	Checker	L. Melton	Sick	Beck	\$992
1/15/2010	1	4	First Classy Rhythm	R. Gonzalez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$919
	3	4	Dozen Too	L. Ruiz	Sick	Beck	\$1,146
1/16/2010	3	4	How Regal	J. Glenn, Jr.	Sick	Beck	\$654
	6	1	Gotta Be A Sign	A. Farias	Sick	Hackathorn	\$846
1/17/2010	2	7	Warren's Cowgirl	J. Alcala	Sick	Beck	\$1,012
	7	2	Rarely Dasher	M. Loza	Sick	Beck	\$566

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 17, 2010.

No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period nineteen horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: four for soundness, two for injury, nine for sickness,
three for medication, and one for coggins.

Ten horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and
removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 01/14	FRI 01/15	SAT 01/16	SUN 01/17	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	2
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	4	3	4	3	14	50
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	1	0	1	2
INQUIRIES	D			1	0	1	0	2	7
REFUNDS		A		3	2	2	3	10	42
RULINGS			Y	0	0	3	1	4	10

Stewards' Attendance: James Dreyer, Albert Christiansen, and Randy Winick were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

James Dreyer (Steward)

Albert Christiansen (Steward)

Randy Winick (Steward)